



Support Services for Students with Disabilities in TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute

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TAFE NSW



- Over 130 campuses across NSW
- Over 500,000 enrolments each year
- Ten Institutes across NSW

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- Offer over 1,000 courses
- 94,753 enrolments
- 3,500 staff
- Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) provides distance education

Courses in TAFE NSW

- TAFE Statement
- Statement of Attainment
- Certificate I
- Certificate II
- Certificate III
- Certificate IV
- Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- Graduate Certificate

Support Available

9 Head Teacher/Consultants

- 3 Intellectual/Learning Disabilities
- 2 Physical Disabilities
- 2 Deaf/Hearing Impaired*
- 1 Blind/Vision Impaired
- 1 Psychiatric Disabilities
- 1 Neurological Disabilities/Acquired Brain Injury*

* One T/C has dual responsibilities

Support Available

- Enrolment Advice
- Pre-entry counselling/assessment
- Tutorial assistance
- Note taking support
- Interpreter support
- Alternative formats
- Advocacy
- Reasonable Adjustment

Enrolment Advice

- If a course requires an application
- Information sessions
- Portfolios if required

Pre-entry Counselling

- Wherever possible, make contact with a T/C **before** you enrol
- Plan ahead – have documentation (school and medical reports, psychometric tests, audiograms, Centrelink information etc)
- Be positive, but flexible – your first choice might not be appropriate

Tutorial Assistance

- Might be one-to-one or group delivered
- Might be regular – weekly, fortnightly, or more specific – one assignment, one subject, one exam, etc
- Tutors might;
 - Organise or explain class notes
 - Teach writing and study skills
 - Help with assignments
 - Modify learning materials to be more useful
 - Organise assessments in alternative formats
 - Train and assist students to use adaptive equipment

Interpreting Assistance

- Interpreters will, as far as possible, communicate;
 - All discussions, information and demonstrations delivered by teachers or students during class
 - Your comments and questions to the teachers and students
 - In your preferred sign language mode



Notetaking

- A person to take your notes for you in plain English
- T/C may arrange for more handouts
- Might use electronic whiteboards
- Might use adaptive equipment – portable notetaker, laptop, dictaphone, etc

Modified Assessments/Exams

- Extra time
- Break times
- A reader/writer
- Rewritten in plain English
- Interpreters for Deaf and hearing impaired
- Individual exam room
- Adaptive equipment – laptop, software, furniture, etc
- Alternative format – Braille, large print, spoken rather than written, etc



Adaptive Equipment

- Audio systems such as FM systems
- Computers and appropriate software – word prediction, screen reading/magnification, alternative input, etc
- Ergonomic furniture
- Dictaphones
- Magnifiers
- Braille transcriptions



Access and Mobility

- Removal of access barriers – physical and educational/print
- Orientation and mobility training – **not** Vision Australia training
- Flexible attendance and reduced programs
- Mixed mode programs – campus and OTEN



Special/Modified Course

- Generally short term and small group
- Usually lead to mainstream outcomes
- Only offered where there is significant demand and available resources
- **Not** offered as a **day program service** or for hobbies and personal enrichment
- TTW clients - no fee
- CP clients - **\$10.90 per hour**

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